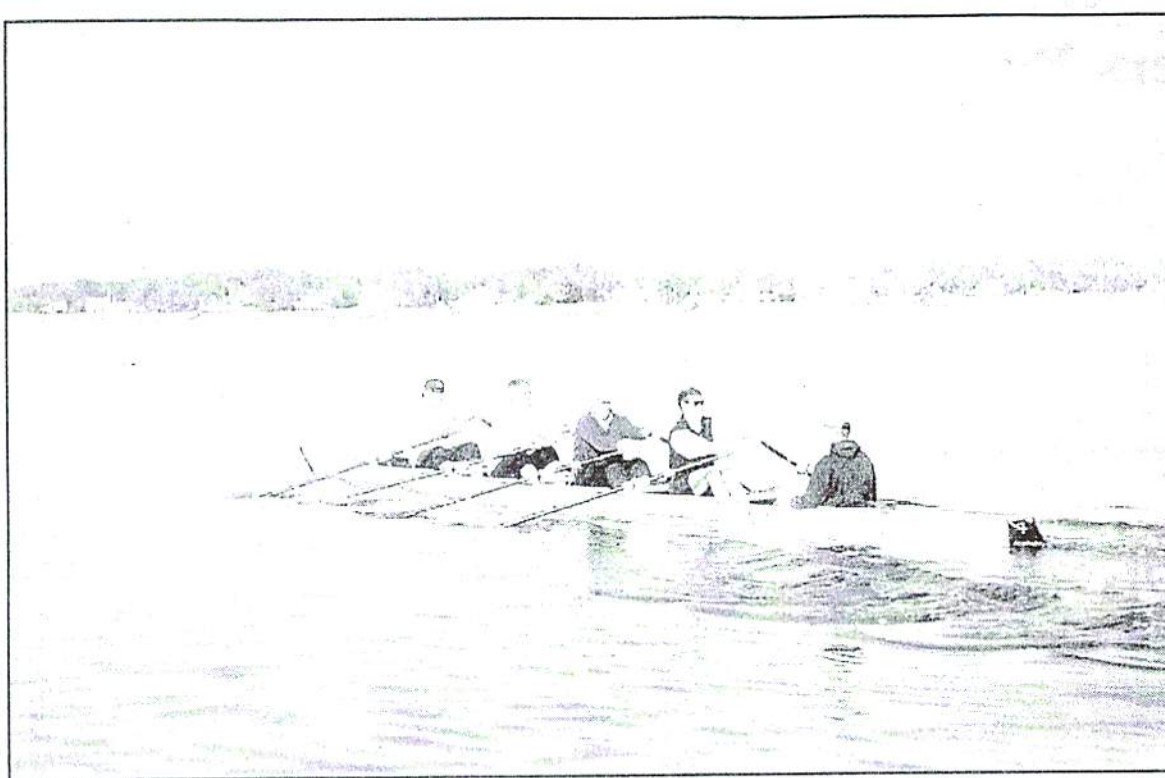


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L to r: Duxbury rowers, Chuck Hewitt, Bill Miller, John McCaig, and Cap Kane with coxswain Will Miller.

## DBMS Launches Rowing Program

Thanks to the generosity of several Duxbury families, the Duxbury Bay Maritime School (DBMS) has acquired two open water rowing shells and is prepared to launch its Community Rowing Program next spring. Rowing will add a new dimension to the DBMS programs, which already include sailing, boat building, marine ecology, and navigation classes. Pictured above on the program's inaugural row are four of the donors who have made the new program possible. Conditions could not have been more perfect. The day was sunny and warm and the Bay was mirror smooth.

The shells that DBMS has acquired have sliding seats and are designed for open water conditions. Although the boats are wider and have more free-

board than a standard racing shell, the rowers, including two former U.S. Olympic oarsmen, said that the boat rowed beautifully and had the feel of a conventional shell. The boats are equipped with lightweight carbon fiber oars with "hatchet" blades, the latest design. The boats can be rowed either as a four (four rowers each with one oar) or as a squad (four rowers each with two oars). In the picture above, the shell is rigged as a squad.

The school's rowing program will begin next May. The program will include instruction for adults during May and June and for juniors during summer vacation. The boats will also be available to adults for recreational rowing in the early morning and in the evening during the summer.

The program for the fall of 2000 will be designed based upon the results of the spring and summer programs.

Anyone interested in the program can call the school at 934-7555, or Bill Miller at 934-0775.